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Title: GAS HUMIDIFICATION FOR CATHODE SUPPLY OF A PEM FUEL CELL
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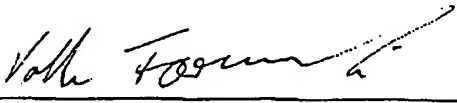
DECLARATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. 1.131

The undersigned hereby declare that:

1. We are joint inventors who made application for a patent on July 21, 2003 which is the subject of the present application.
2. We conceived and reduced our invention to practice in Germany prior to January 27, 2003, the filing date of United States Patent Application Publication 2003/0219636.
3. We conceived of and reduced our invention to practice in Germany as evidence by the disclosure materials attached as Exhibit A. This written description was made prior to January 27, 2003.

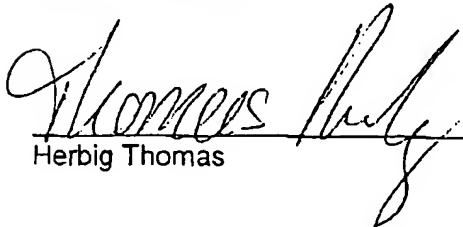
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Volker Formanski

02. January 2007
Date



Herbig Thomas

04. January 2007
Date

EXHIBIT A

37 C.F.R. §1.131 Declaration of Volker Formanski and Herbig Thomas
U.S.S.N. 10/623,991 entitled "Gas Humidification for Cathode
Supply of a PEM Fuel Cell"

cathode gas humidification by combination of cathode recycle and water injection

System Modeling

humidification with water injection (concept of H2 Vehicle):

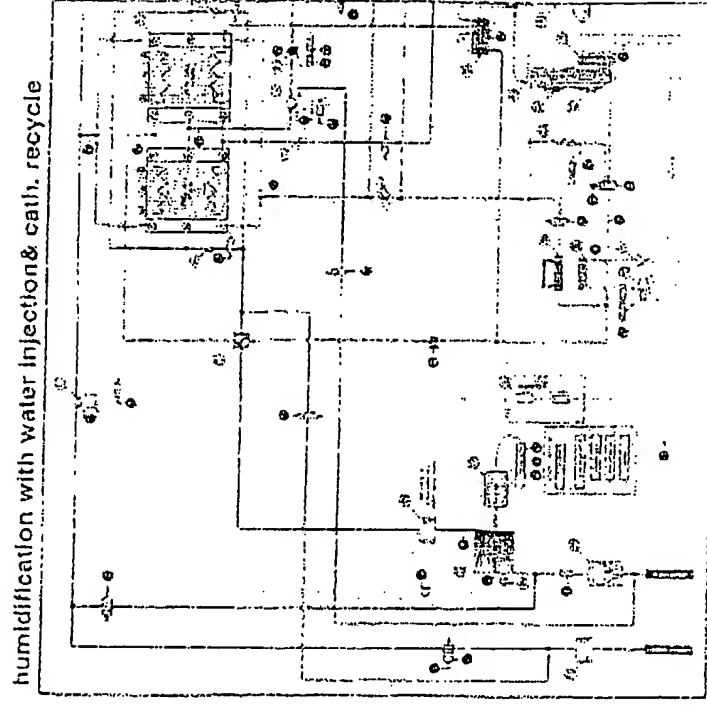
- *advantages:*
- water neutral system by providing $RH_{C,out} > 110\%$
- *disadvantages:*
- limited controllability of humidification and temperature
- limited humidification capability

humidification with cath. recycle (concept of H3 Vehicle) :

- *advantages:*
- simple realization
- *disadvantages:*
- increasing compressor power with increasing recycle flow
- reduced oxygen partial pressure(=> red. Stack performance)
- max. RH values of approx. 20 % realistic

humidification with water injection & cath. recycle: (H4 system concept No. 9)

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- independent controllability of humidification and temperature
- almost any RH value can be adjusted
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